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APPRECIATION.

Every American echoes the words of Gen. Pershing addressed to wounded victors in Paris hospitals:

"Your country is proud of you, and I am more than proud to command such men as you. You have fought splendidly. No one can ask more of any fighting force than that they should do as well as you have done."

Every American who has an opportunity should take pains to let the heroes of that grueling battle in France know how he appreciates their courage, skill and sacrifice. It will be partial compensation, and will help them to fight still better next time, if that is possible.

Their own proud sense of duty nobly done, gratifying as it must be, is not enough. They know that they are actors in the calcium glare of a world-stage, in the greatest drama of history. The actor, however, self-sufficient he may be, has a natural craving for well-earned applause, and the spectators honor themselves no less than him when they grant it.

It is not the fighting men alone who deserve our appreciation and gratitude. No less recognition should go to the doctors and nurses and stretcher-bearers, the ambulance drivers and others who sweated in the heat and toil of battle, giving their utmost effort and risking their lives little less than the combatants themselves. Do not forget, either, the uniformed men engaged in the more prosaic but no less vital tasks of bringing forward food for the fighters and ammunition for their guns, or the engineers, bridge builders and road-builders, the electricians and all the rest without whose aid no modern battle is possible.

We may go further than that. It was little less a triumph for the American army as a whole, all the way from General Pershing himself down to the newest recruit. It has shed honor on the uniform of the American soldier. Don't you feel like saluting now every time you see one? Do it! The uniform and the man both deserve it.

GET OUT OF BELGIUM FIRST.

The details of present German "peace feelers" are unimportant. Not one of the allied governments will take them seriously enough to make a reply.

As long as a German army remains west of Germany's proper boundaries, there can be no talk of peace. This holds true of Belgium particularly. A few enlightened Germans themselves see that. Says Maximilian Harden:

"International law forbids Germany to retain even one pebble of Belgian streets and commands Germany to restore Belgium to the conditions before invasion. Is Belgium, as a chancellor, a state secretary, and an ambassador have confessed, an innocent victim of German self-defense? Then we have to ask its forgiveness and not force conditions upon it. This is a question of the decency, morality, and honor of a nation."

The surrender of Belgium, of course, would not in itself end the war. Far more plunder than that must be abandoned by the Huns, and far more assurance given of future good behavior. But the liberation of Belgium would be a beginning. After that, we might be willing to discuss peace while we kept on fighting. Until that is done, in token of good faith, no discussion is possible.

FOR A WHEAT RESERVE.

Along with the public announcement that our production of wheat and other basic foodstuffs this year will amply suffice for the needs of ourselves and our allies, the government is appealing to the American farmers to increase our wheat that a return to normal consumption should not be expected.

This year's wheat, which the agricultural department hoped would total a round billion bushels, is now expected to amount to a little less than 900,000,000 bushels. With that total, even if we kept the usual quantity for domestic consumption, we should have left about 350,000,000 bushels for export. Figuring on a moderate degree of economy, we may expect to have a surplus of 400,000,000 bushels or more. This surplus becomes still more impres-

sive when we consider that our major allies have considerably more wheat of their own than they raised last year. There are big crops and liberal surpluses, too, in Australia and Argentina.

Why, then, should we proceed to raise still more wheat, and continue saving, thus adding to the surplus at both ends? The answer is simple. The precedent is found in the policy inaugurated by Joseph, Pharaoh's food administrator, in ancient Egypt. In years of plenty, Joseph prepared for years of drouth. Instead of using up Egypt's record crops, he limited consumption and kept right on encouraging production. As a result, when the seven lean years came, Egypt and neighboring nations were saved from starvation.

Our food administration seems to be copying Joseph's "wheat corner." A liberal surplus, just how much nobody knows, will be held out and stored up. The country will aim again at the billion-bushel mark next year, and while using wheat more freely than of late, will keep on economizing throughout the year. If our allies' crops fail next year, we can then save them. If a surplus is possible again next year, we shall save that, too, for the sake of security. Sooner or later, we and the rest of the world are pretty certain to need that wheat. As for the Australian and Argentinian supply, it is not available, owing to the lack of ships. Eventually it may add to our own surplus.

Our duty, then, as a nation and as individuals, as producers and consumers, is plain. We must produce all we can, and consume no more than we absolutely need. And this policy applies not only to wheat, but to all non-perishable foodstuffs.

THE SOLDIER TOURISTS.

One of the things the Red Triangle abroad is trying to do for American soldiers is to teach them about the countries and peoples of their allies. It is readily understood that a soldier doesn't see the very best of France or England or Italy in his training camp, traveling through the country in a box car troop train, taking a nightly stroll through No Man's Land or anywhere else at the front.

True, when on leave the soldier has little more opportunity to act the tourist and get acquainted with some of the natural beauties, the art treasures and the people of the region in which he is billeted. But even that opportunity is restricted. It is supplemented by the Y. M. C. A. with lectures and pictures portraying the history and ideals, the achievements, customs and tastes of the country and its people.

It is quite possible that the soldier will come closer to the real heart of France and our other allies than his tourist predecessors ever did. He is there as a friend and fellow-worker, not as an idle, sight-seeing traveler. That the Y. M. C. A. realizes this and is making the effort to bring the American fighting men in closer touch with the normal life of their allies is not the least important of its works. Indeed it is a fine service which will be even more appreciated after the war is over than at the present.

The Boy Scouts are reporting an average of 8,000,000 board feet of black walnut a day, in their quest for army gunstock material. And how they do hope the government won't chop down the trees before the nuts are ripe!

The Finns are said to have decided, after all, that they don't want a monarchy. Well, the Kaiser might let them have one of his sons for president—if they make the presidency a life job, with no prospect of family succession.

THE CROWN PRINCE'S ARMIES

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WHEN THEY WIN, THE CROWN PRINCE GETS THE CREDIT.



WHEN THEY LOSE, SOMEBODY ELSE GETS THE BLAME.

SISTERS OF SOLDIERS MAY JOIN RED CROSS

Government Will Allow Them Passports for France.

Washington, July 31.—Because the American Red Cross, the Young Men's Christian Association and other allied bodies doing war work in France are unable to obtain a sufficient number of women workers, the war department prohibition against granting passports to relatives of officers and men in the American expeditionary forces was modified today by General March, chief of staff, so as to permit sisters of soldiers to serve as workers under certain conditions.

The order provides that the sisters must be duly accredited members of one of the authorized organizations; must be particularly qualified for the work to be done; must be sent to France as workers and not as relatives; must make no effort to visit relatives in France whether sick or well; must be returned home by the organization to which they belong, if they violate the rules as laid down by the department, and must automatically be returned home if they marry officers or soldiers in the American expeditionary forces after their arrival abroad.

THREE INDICTED IN ARMY CONTRACT SCANDAL

New York, July 30.—Audrey W. Vaughan, a captain in the quartermaster's corps of the United States army, was indicted today by a federal grand jury on a charge of conspiring to defraud the government in connection with contracts for raincoats.

Indicted also were Felix Gouled, a manufacturer, who was arrested last week with nearly a score of other men in connection with the government inquiry into alleged frauds in contracts; and David L. Podell, a lawyer. Vaughan, in his official position, received bids from manufacturers of shoes, leather and rubber goods.

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LIQUOR QUESTION IS DOMINANT ISSUE IN OHIO ELECTION

Columbus, Ohio, July 30.—The liquor question, which will be an issue in the state primaries, also bids fair to be a dominant issue in the Ohio general election next fall.

Frank B. Willis, former governor, and a candidate for renomination on the republican ticket, has been proclaimed champion of a bone-dry Ohio by his proponents.

Governor James M. Cox, who is seeking renomination for a third term on the Democratic ticket, and all other state officials have no opposition for re-nomination.

While Mr. Willis has been asserting that Ohio should go dry as a war measure, some of his enemies have been criticizing his attitude in 1915 in advocating an embargo on shipment of war munitions. Though recognizing the right of this country under international law to sell munitions, Mr. Willis favored the embargo on moral grounds and as being in keeping with strict neutrality, he said in his published correspondence relative to the embargo.

It is stated that if Mr. Willis is nominated, state prohibition and ratification of the federal prohibition amendment probably will be the principal plank in the republican platform. A statewide prohibition amendment will be voted upon at the November election. Another state amendment initiated by the liquor interests would require a referendum vote on legislative action ratifying the federal amendment. It also will be voted upon.

The dries are ignoring the proposal of the liquor interests and are centering their efforts on the state

prohibition amendment and the election of dry members to the general assembly. The National Woman Suffrage Association, however, is testing the validity of the proposed wet amendment in the courts, as its adoption would require that a federal equal suffrage proposal also be ratified by referendum vote.

For all state offices, except treasurer, there are from three to eight candidates seeking nomination on the republican ticket. Besides former Governor Willis, Edwin Jones of Jackson, former state chairman, John H. Arnold of Columbus, former lieutenant governor, seek the gubernatorial nomination. There are eight candidates for lieutenant governor.

A feature of the primaries is the

entrance of Charles F. Dick, of Akron, former United States senator, as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress in the Fourteenth district. He was defeated for the senatorial nomination in 1914. Old politicians are wondering whether he can come back. He has three opponents.

LOANS TO ALLIES.

Washington, July 31.—Loans to the allies totalling \$113,000,000 are announced by the treasury department. France received \$100,000,000, Belgium \$9,000,000 and Serbia \$3,000,000. This brought the total of loans to the allies to \$6,492,040,000.

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(Political Advertisement)



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GERMAN WIFE OF U.S. CAPTAIN IS ARRESTED

Greenville, S. C., July 31.—Mrs. Elsie V. Sires, wife of Captain Edward B. Sires, 306th sanitary train, formerly stationed at Camp Sevier, was held for trial in the United States district court charged with violation of the espionage law. She was released on \$1,000 bond. Mrs. Sires was born in Germany and married Captain Sires in the Philippines. Witnesses testified, Mrs. Sires had said the Germans had a right to sink the Lusitania and that accounts of German atrocities were lies.

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3. I have settled thousands of claims without cost to the insured. "Never swap horses in the middle of the stream."

The times are too critical to experiment with new men in important offices. I feel that my experience as State Insurance Commissioner and President of the State Insurance Board qualifies me to serve you more efficiently and render a greater service to the people of the state than one without experience.

ATTENTION VOTERS!

The Miners have the most dangerous work of any class in the world and they should be the judges as to who their District Mine Inspector should be. Therefore the following action by the Miners will show that it is their earnest desire to elect W. Isherwood for this office:

Action by the U. M. W. A. at Their Regular Meeting.

We, the Miners of Coalgate and surrounding country, most earnestly ask that the voters of Mine District No. 1, composed of the counties of McCurtain, Le Flore, Latimer, Pushmataha, Coal, Atoka, Choctaw, Bryan, Pontotoc, Johnson, Grady, Stephens, Jefferson, Comanche, Caddo, Washita, Kiowa, Tillman, Jackson, Greer and Beckham, to assist in electing W. Isherwood for Mine Inspector of said district.

Mr. Isherwood has had 40 years' experience, 29 of which have been spent in the mines of Coalgate. We know he is qualified for the position he seeks. We know Mr. Isherwood is a sober man, and as miners we consider this most important for a man in that position. Along with his qualifications which we know he possesses, as a miner, we feel secure in the belief that he will rigidly enforce all the mining laws. This office we feel should be filled by one whose heart and head is interested in the office he seeks. That is why the members of Local 1025, U. M. W. A., endorse W. Isherwood for said office.

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